

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 4, lines 16-24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In order to reduce the diameter of the beam spot, it is necessary to enlarge the diameter of the beam incident on the scanning optical system. When the diameter of the beam incident on the scanning optical system increases, [[,]] it is important to make uniform wave-optic wavefront aberration whatever the image height is, as well as ~~improvement of~~ to improve the geometric-optic characteristics such as curvature of field and imaging magnification, for the scanning optical system.